

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

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Title of Invention	Device for Connecting Ends of Bars				
<p>As the below named inventor, I declare that:</p> <p>This declaration is directed to the invention titled: " Device for Connecting Ends of Bars"</p> <p>I believe that I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;</p> <p>I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;</p> <p>I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.</p> <p>All statements made herein of my knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.</p>					
<p>FULL NAME OF INVENTOR:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"><tr><td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Inventor: Klaus Frohlich</td><td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Inventor</td></tr><tr><td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Signature :</td><td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;">Citizen of : DE</td></tr></table>		Inventor: Klaus Frohlich	Inventor	Signature :	Citizen of : DE
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No.	Filing Date (Month/Day/Year)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 U.S.C. 120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following registered practitioner to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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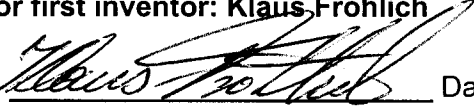


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_____ **Additional inventors are being named on the supplemental Additional Inventor(s) sheet(s)**

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought of the invention entitled:

Device for Connecting Ends of Bars

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto; or
☐ was filed on
as US Application Ser. No.
or PCT Application No.
and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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